31. M/s. E. Merck (I) Limited.

32. M/s. Nicholas Laboratories India Limited.

33. M/s. Themis Laboratories (Pvt.) Limited.

34. M/s. Pfizer Limited.

35. M/s. Smith Stanistreet Pharmaceuti- Limited.

36. M/s. German Remedies Limited.

Statement II

List of companies from which information in part or in full have been received for the Study of the norms for CC/PC for Pharmaceutical formulations

1. M/s. Hindustan Antibiotics Ltd.

2. M/s. Bengal Chemicals & Pharmaceuticals Works Limited.

3. M/s. Cadila Laboratories

4. M/s. Burroughs Wellcome (India) Limited.

5. M/s. East India Pharmaceuticals Works.

6. M/s. Alembic Chemicals Works Co. Limited.

7. M/s. Dey's Medical Store P. Limited.

8. M/s. Lyka Labs. Limited.

9. M/s. Mcrind Limited.

10. M/s. Pfizer Limited.

11. M/s. Smith Stanistreet Pharmaceuticals Limited.

12. M/s. German Remedies Limited.

13. M/s. Sarabhai Chemicals.

Reduction of prices of drugs at consumer level

673. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: SHRIMATI SATYA BAHIN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item captioned "Delay in drug price revision hits health schemes" which appeared in the Business and Political Observer on 25th October, 1991;

(b) if so, what are the names of the drugs where Government have made efforts to reduce the prices at consumer level;

(c) what were the objection raised by BICP in not reducing the prices of medicines at consumer level; and

(d) when the recommendation from BICP was received in each case and when the price was notified and what steps were taken to reduce the prices at consumer level?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) There are eleven Scheduled Bulk Drugs whose prices have been reduced during this year. Before Government could notify the prices of ceiling packs of connected formulations on reduced prices of bulk drugs, there was change in Exchange rate of rupee against major foreign currencies. As a result, prices of nine out of these eleven bulk drugs have been revised upwards. In four cases, the revised prices are even more than the pre-revised prices. A Statement indicating the names of eleven bulk drugs, their pre-reduced prices, reduced prices and present prices with date is annexed (*See* below). The exercise to notify the prices of ceiling packs of formulations where the bulk drug price is still less than the pre-reduced price is on hand.

Statement

Sl. No.	Name of Drug	Price/Kg. (Rs.) After revision (Rs.) Kg.	Before revision (Rs.) Kg.	Present Price (Rs.) Kg.
1	Phenytoin Sodium	236·00 (23-1-1991)	261·06 (26-8-1976)	236·00 (23-1-1991)
2	Metronidazole	428·00 (1-2-1991)	482·00 (9-9-1988)	475·00 (14-2-1991)
3	Metronidazole Benzoate	380·00 (1-2-1991)	511·00 (25-1-1985)	456·00 (14-9-1991)
4	Ibuprofen	450·00 (1-2-1991)	502·00 (27-6-1989)	521·00 (30-8-1991)
5	Amoxycillin Trihydrate	2093·00 (11-2-1991)	2660·00 (21-3-1989)	2649·00 (14-10-1991)
6	Analgin	251·00 (26-2-1991)	280·00 (1-6-1990)	296·00 (25-9-1991)
7	Sulphacetamide	350·00 (7-3-1991)	352·00 (20-6-1989)	350·00 (7-3-1991)
8	Sulphamethoxazole	340·00 (7-3-1991)	390·00 (20-6-1990)	351·00 (25-9-1991)
9	Methyldope	1967·00 (7-3-1991)	2148·00 (20-1-1986)	2434·00 (30-8-1991)
10	Isopryne	6401·00 (7-3-1991)	8997·00 (14-9-1984)	7442·00 (13-11-1991)
11	Sulphanzole	399·00 (3-6-1991)	430·00 (11-10-1981)	466·00 (30-8-1991)

Recovery of amount against manufactures of Combiflame

674. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA:
SHRI MOHD. KHALEELUR RAHMAN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the position of recovery of amount of Rs. 7.11 crores against the manufacture of Combiflame as referred to in News item of 26th October, 1991 which appeared in the Economic Times;

(b) what is the period for which this amount has been assessed, on what basis and — what is the period for which the company is yet to give details;

(c) whether it is a fact that there were several other products for which this company did not take price approval after crossing the limit of rupees fifty lacs as provided under DPCO, 1979; and

(d) if so, what are the names of those products and what action has been taken by Government.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) The company has been given a final opportunity to deposit the